



### IOWA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

**Meeting.** The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) met on October 14, 2015, at the West Des Moines City Hall. Significant agenda items included:

- **Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report.** Coordinator Craig Allen reported:
  - Encryption guidelines are being developed by working with the Department of Public Safety and SWICs in neighboring states. Federal guidelines will be followed.
  - The National Council of SWICs will be meeting the second week of November. Craig Allen is vice chair for the region that includes Iowa.
  - A SCIP (Secure Communication Interoperable Protocol) review will be held on October 14 after the regular Board meeting to review goals for the strategic plan. This strategic plan will be provided to the federal government.
- **E911 Council Report.** E911 Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchey reported on several items:
  - The Council approved a total of 24 grants for \$1.7 million to the PSAPs.
  - Training relating to statewide upgrades at Prairie Meadows (October 19).
  - Public meeting for input into rules updates due to legislative changes (October 20).
  - Discussions are being held with the Attorney General's office and Mediacom to address the issue of names being dropped off of the databases.
  - A report required by the General Assembly will be completed by January 1, 2016.
- **Finance Committee.** The Committee reviewed the proposal for Iowa to be a user member of Project 25 of the Telecommunications Industry Association and the associated costs and approved it.
- **Governance Committee.** Draft 5 of the policy statement for public safety grade has been adopted and is available on the website.
- **Operations Committee.** Discussion of the housing of the SCRS trailers, maintenance and inventory of equipment was discussed. A template for a maintenance spreadsheet is being pursued. The trailers are for use during a major incident so that agencies operating together, but with different radio equipment can use them. It works well with a preplanned event and time to organize and are available until the statewide platform is available.
- **Outreach Committee.** There are two more Regional meetings to be held in Sioux City and Mason City. The feedback for the Regional meetings held to date has been good. Regions have requested more outreach with local board meetings.
- **Technology Committee.** Work continues with neighboring states on the problem of frequencies bleeding over. The FCC governs only the licenses. Iowa's policy will be reworded so that Iowa can remain on an analog frequency. The governance committee will assist with this before it is posted for 30 days of comment. The Committee does not want to create any problems for other states. Additionally, a motion and approval from the Board was given for acquisition of a camera to record and post video. The budget for this is not to exceed \$5,000.
- **FirstNet Broadband Subcommittee.** A letter from the state of Iowa advocating procurement at the State level for local vendors has been sent to FirstNet. Data submissions have been completed for Iowa, the RFP (request for proposals) by FirstNet will likely be released by the end of calendar year 2015. A 2016 outreach plan for FirstNet will be released with key shareholders and secondary meetings identified.
- **Board Elections.** Iowa Code requires elections for chair and vice-chair to be conducted every two years. Tom Lampe was nominated and reelected as chair, and Justin Leonard was nominated and reelected as vice-chair.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Council will be November 18 at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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